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Appln. No. 10/528,723  
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Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith copies of the filing receipt, executed Declaration and Application Data Sheet for the above-identified patent application.

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Image processing system, imaging device and method, recording medium, and program

**Preliminary Class**

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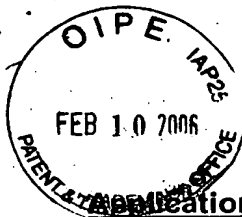
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### **Application Information**

Application Type::	Regular
Subject Matter::	Utility
Suggested Group Art Unit::	N/A
CD-ROM or CD-R?::	None
Sequence submission?::	None
Computer Readable Form (CRF)?::	No
Title::	IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND PROGRAM
Attorney Docket Number::	SONYJP 3.3-331
Request for Early Publication?::	No
Request for Non-Publication?::	No
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Total Drawing Sheets::	24
Small Entity?::	No
Petition included?::	No
Secrecy Order in Parent Appl.?::	No

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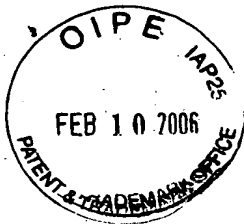
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Japan	P2002-280709	09/26/02	Yes

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